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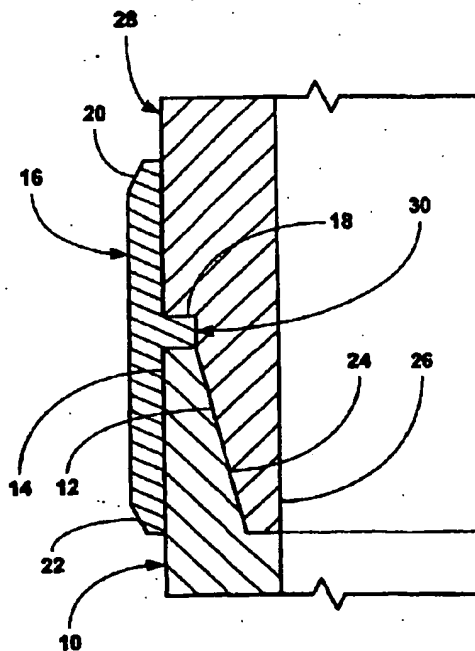
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(57) A tubular sleeve (16) is coupled to and overlaps the threaded connection between a pair of adjacent tubular members (10 and 28). The adjacent tubular members (10 and 28) are then radially expanded and plastically deformed.



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